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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

DANIEL LUCIUS VASELLA

Examiner: Gregg Polansky

APPLICATION NO: 10/577,370

FILED: April 28, 2006

FOR: COMBINATIONS OF AT1-ANTAGONISTS, AMILORIDE OR
TRIAMTERINE, AND A DIURETIC

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT

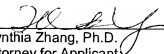
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 31, 2007, applicant elects the species valsartan for "a," hydrochlorothiazide for "b," and hypertension for "c" for continued examination on which claims 1-9. Claims 1, 4-7 are generic to both the elected species and the non-elected species.

An extension of time for two months to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment related to the filing of this Amendment to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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